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1. At about 10 a.m. on 27 August 1953, a train of 9 boxcars occupied by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 41 trucks, was shunting on the spur track to the Wismar harbor.¹ Troop trains passing through the Hornsdorf railroad station, coming from the direction of Neubukow and proceeding toward Wismar, included: a train of 34 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 12 medium AA guns and 38 trucks at about 4:30 p.m. on 31 August;² a train of 45 boxcars occupied by troops at about 4 p.m. on 2 September;³ and a train of 8 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 11 AA guns, at about 5:30 p.m. on 2 September.²

2. Troop trains passing through the Strasburg railroad station, coming from the direction of Pasewalk and proceeding toward Neubrandenburg, included three trains of flatcars carrying 36, 38 and 31 canvas-covered tanks at 11:10 p.m. on 1 September, 0:20 a.m. on 2 September, and 1:12 a.m. on 2 September, respectively.

3. From 4:30 p.m. on 5 September to about 4 a.m. on 6 September, columns of sedans, trucks, 76-mm and 85-mm AA guns and troops, including uniformed women, passed through Poebel, coming from the direction of Waren and proceeding toward Wittstock.

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4. A shipment of a signal unit, including 40 trucks, was sidetracked at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 7 September.

5. At 1:10 p.m. on 24 August, a shipment of 8 RRV-type flatcars, 2 flatcars with sideracks and 1 boxcar, carrying 3 tanks, 4 SP guns, and ammunition, left Templin toward Eberswalde.

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- 25X1 6. At about 3 p.m. on 10 September, two shipments of 25 sedans, [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] 15 trucks [redacted] and 12 boxcars, were
 unloaded at the Wuensdorf railroad station. 4
- 25X1 7. [redacted]
- 25X1 8. At about 11 a.m. on 8 September, 75 motor vehicles, including about 15
 jeeps, about 15 sedans [redacted] and 3 buses, and several
 tank trucks, field kitchens, and 1 maintenance truck, were loaded on an
 undetermined number of flatcars; and [redacted]
 [redacted] was loaded on 8 coaches and 8 boxcars. Troops observed wore
 black-bordered crimson, red-bordered black and blue-bordered black
 epaulets and included uniformed women. Officers observed carried baggage.
 [redacted]
 [redacted] the loading of one shipment was completed
 and a second shipment was made ready for entraining at about 1 p.m.
 The first shipment was seen passing through the Magdeburg-Buckau railroad
 station at about 4 p.m., proceeding toward west. 4
- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Presumably a shipment of a signal unit of the Third Shock
 Army, which transferred to Pasewalk from Magdeburg via Wismar to participate
 in a command post exercise. See [redacted] Comment 4 of the present report.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The two trains are fairly definitely believed to have
 carried medium AAA units, which had completed their summer firing
 practices on the Wustrow peninsula.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Compare with information [redacted] according to
 which 4 boxcars occupied by about 100 NCOs passed through Satz Korn,
 coming from the direction of Neubukow and proceeding toward Potsdam at
 11 a.m. on 3 September. [redacted] The shipment seen at
 the Hornsdorf railroad station possibly was distributed while en route
 toward Potsdam.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The observations in paragraphs 3, 6 and 8 of the present
 report may be interconnected and, in connection with previous information
 on six troops trains, which went to Jueterbog and Forst Zinna from the
 Gloewen, Breddin and Neustadt/Dosse railroad stations, tend to indicate
 that the command post exercise, which started in the Pasewalk area about
 28 August, terminated in the area of the abovementioned railroad station.
 The troops seen passing through Roebel probably were units which had
 come from the Pasewalk area. [redacted]
 [redacted] the columns included elements of the Third Shock Army from
 Magdeburg. It cannot be determined whether the detraining in Wuensdorf
 of motor vehicles of the GOFG on 10 September was also made in connection
 with this exercise. [redacted] the
 train [redacted] went from Rathenow to Wuensdorf on
 9 September. There is reason to believe that, during the command post
 exercise, a superior headquarters, which involved elements of the GOFG
 headquarters, was located in Rathenow. The loadings in Burg on 8
 August must also be viewed as an aspect of the command post exercise.

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The headquarters elements of the Eighth Gds Army [redacted] left Weimar on 28 August. [redacted] As the detraining stations of the elements of this army, which left Weimar between 26 and 28 August, are unknown, the movements of these elements, prior to 8 September, cannot be identified. Nor can it be determined whether the elements from Weimar which, on 20 August, transferred to Treuenbrietzen [redacted] and returned from there [redacted] on 9 September, participated in the exercise. However, it is believed that all these troop movements were interconnected because they took place within a specific period of time and because the units involved, i.e. headquarters units, AAA and signal units, indicate the possibility that they participated in one and the same exercise. The nature of the exercise cannot be inferred from the troop movements observed.

5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the loading of this shipment in Templin on 24 August, as well as the detraining in Eberswalde. [redacted] the 17th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Eberswalde until 24 August 1953. [redacted]

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